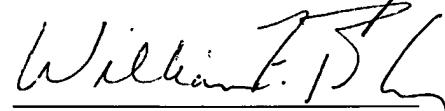


hexamethyldisilazane.

The Applicants understanding is that the Examiner's position is that it would have been obvious to substitute the treating agents described in Azechi into the composition described in Kunieda. The Applicants respectfully suggest that the Examiner is being overly broad in his assessment of what is taught in Azechi and the motivation it would provide to one of ordinary skill in the art to make the substitution suggested by the Examiner. Azechi teaches the use of surface treated aluminum hydroxide in **platinum cured** silicone compositions, and that such surface treated aluminum hydroxide can provide for certain improved electrical properties. Azechi does not teach that such surface treated aluminum hydroxide would provide improvements in **any** electric property when used in **peroxide cured** silicone compositions as claimed in present Claim 1. It might be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to try the surface treated aluminum hydroxide described in Azechi in the composition described in Kunieda to determine if it would improve one or more of the electrical properties. But there is nothing in either of the cited references teaching that such a substitution would improve any electrical property if tried. Therefore as required in *In re Fine*, USPQ2d 1596 and *In re Jones* 21 USPQ2d 1941, there is no teaching, suggestion, or motivation to combine the references as cited by the Examiner. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this cause for rejection of Claim 1 and allow it to issue.

With respect to Claims 2-10 and 13-17, the Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are dependent to an allowable base claim and are therefore allowable on that basis.

Respectfully submitted,



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